

HISTORY

An act of the Northwest Territory in 1792 established the office of county treasurer. The county treasurer's office was continued by the State of Ohio although no provision was in the 1802 Constitution. The office of county treasurer was created by the legislative act of 1803. On April 1, 1803, Franklin County was established and named for Benjamin Franklin. The first Franklin County Treasurer, Jacob Grubb, was one of the original settlers of Franklin County. Grubb was appointed by the Associate Judges to the position in 1803 & by the County Commissioners in 1804. The County Commissioners re-appointed him every year after until 1827.

On January 24, 1827 the Ohio Legislature passed an act making the County Treasurer's Office an elected office. The Treasurer was elected by the public every 2 years until 1836 when the term was extended to its present day length of 4 years.

Originally the responsibility of collecting taxes was shared. Shortly after the organization of the county in 1803 tax collecting duties were divided between Township Collectors and a County Collector.

Township Collectors collected chattel taxes & the County Collector was responsible for collecting land taxes. Around 1820 the County Collector began collecting both chattel taxes & "tax upon resident lands." After legislation was passed in 1827, it became the duty of the County Treasurer to collect all taxes & the County Collector position was abolished.

TREASURER'S OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

Real Estate Tax Information	462-3438
Change of Mailing Address	462-3438
Direct Debit Program, eCheck, Credit Card Payments	462-7516
Budget Pay Program	462-7515
Personnel	462-3656
Delinquent Tax Payment Plans	462-3431
Tax Overpayments and Refunds	462-7501
Remission of Penalties	462-3434
Manufactured Home Tax Information	462-3433

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Your County Treasurer's Office



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Dear Citizen:

I became the 40th Franklin County Treasurer on December 9, 2002 and assumed my duties as the County's chief tax collector and investment officer.

As Treasurer, I want to oversee our transformation into an efficient, well-run operation that improves services for taxpayers, school districts and local governments. I want to foster greater public trust and confidence in government by reforming public services. The following represents some of those reforms:

- Initiated the first tax lien certificate sale netting our schools and agencies \$22 million.
- Refunded over \$2.1 million to taxpayers and decreased the average refund processing time from 21 days to 10 days.
- Awarded and implemented banking contracts through competitive bidding for the first time in 59 years.
- Expanded consumer convenience programs to pay real estate taxes including Direct Debit and Budget Pay. Added on-line electronic check payment and credit card payment options.

My number one priority is good service to you, our customer. If ever we fall short of that goal, please tell me personally and I will do my best to remedy your problem.

Sincerely,



What the County Treasurer Can Do for You!

As chief investment officer, the county treasurer safeguards your tax money by properly accounting for it and investing it wisely.

As chief tax collector, the county treasurer is charged with billing and collecting real estate property taxes for over 395,000 parcels.

We can provide you with detail on your annual tax payments for use in completing your federal income tax return.

We are the source for most real estate tax information, including ownership and tax bill mailing address.

We process applications known as Form 23-A for remission of late payment penalties. You may obtain an application from our website or by calling our office.

We keep careful records of all overpayments and return these payments to the rightful owner upon application. Please check out our website to see if we owe you any money.

If you have fallen behind paying your taxes, please call us to make payment arrangements. We want to work with you.

We try to simplify your life when it comes to paying taxes and are pleased to offer the following options:

E-Check:

Pay online free at this link:
www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/treasurer

Credit Card:

Pay by credit card at
www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/treasurer
or by calling 877-278-2270. Please note: we must pass on a 2.75% fee to cover the cost charged by the credit card processing company.

Direct Debit Program:

You can authorize the Treasurer's Office to automatically debit your checking or savings account on a monthly, semi-annual or annual basis.

Budget Pay Program:

You can escrow an amount of money each month to pay your taxes as they become due.

Reforming Public Services

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